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Burlington's Gigabit Opportunity

BTV Gig Releases Community Strategy Document for Leveraging Burlington's Existing Gigabit Infrastructure

March 20, 2013 Burlington, VT—BTV Gig, an independent initiative to leverage gigabit Internet speeds for the benefit of the community of Burlington, Vermont, has released a comprehensive strategy with tactics for Burlington to leverage this opportunity. The 24-page report features a foreword by Blair Levin, author of the National Broadband Plan.

The community of Burlington, Vermont has a unique opportunity with the availability of gigabit-per-second symmetric Internet speeds through its municipally-owned fiber-to-the-home network (Burlington Telecom). Only a handful of communities across the United States have access to this caliber of super-fast connectivity. Gigabit is over 100 times as fast as both the average national broadband speed and Vermont's statewide average broadband speed. As the country's telecommunications infrastructure is expanded and Internet speeds increase, the window will close on our opportunity to leverage this resource for the full benefit of the community.

Just as the Internet has affected every aspect of our society, so will super-fast broadband connectivity. Gigabit is Burlington's opportunity to participate in creating and shaping the future. For example:

- Healthcare organizations could use gigabit for telemedicine applications.

- Game developers could create new experiences only possible with super-fast broadband.
- Cultural institutions could use gigabit to provide wider access to their works.
- Startups could use Burlington as a test bed for discovering how consumers will use the Internet in the future.
- Government agencies could use gigabit to create new opportunities for citizen engagement.
- Community media organizations could use gigabit to facilitate a further shift towards participatory media.
- Colleges and universities could use gigabit to provide broader access to educational opportunities.
- Filmmakers and videographers could use gigabit for cloud-based video editing, reducing production costs.

Gigabit represents an opportunity for Burlington to lead on issues of global, national, and local importance. Seizing this opportunity will require the leadership of individuals and organizations within the public, private, and non-profit sectors. The plan presented in this document is designed to be implemented by the community, for the community.

REPORT

To download the report, visit:
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BTV Gig is an independent initiative to leverage gigabit Internet speeds for the benefit of the community of Burlington, Vermont. BTV Gig is not affiliated with Burlington Telecom, the City of Burlington, or the Keep BT Local co-op initiative.

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